

INFORMATION  
OF  
SPECIAL INTEREST  
OR  
IMPORTANCE  
TO  
MARINERS

**NM 38/03**

# HYDROGRAM

**National Imagery and Mapping Agency  
Bethesda, MD 20816-5003**

SPECIAL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  

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NEW PRODUCTS  
OR SERVICES  

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IMPORTANT  
CHANGES

**20 September 2003**

## **DISCONTINUANCE OF 121.5 AND 243 MHZ FOR SATELLITE DISTRESS ALERTS TO BEGIN**

THE INTERNATIONAL COSPAS-SARSAT PROGRAM HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO TERMINATE SATELLITE PROCESSING OF DISTRESS SIGNALS FROM 121.5 AND 243 MHZ EMERGENCY BEACONS. SEE SECTION III.